

PROPOSAL EVALUATION
IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011

Applicant	Borrego Water District	County	San Diego, Riverside
Project Title	Anza Borrego Desert IRWM Planning Grant	Grant Request	\$510,399
		Total Project Cost	\$680,532

Project Description The proposed IRWM Plan will reduce water demand, construct upgrades to failing infrastructures, address problems with invasive species, study flood control with possible aquifer recharge, water quality evaluation/education and conjunctive use options including the storage of water in the depleted areas of the Borrego Valley Aquifer.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	9
DAC Involvement	8
Schedule	6
Budget	10
Program Preferences	3
Geographic Balance	0
<i>Total Score</i>	<i>36</i>

- **Work Plan** The work plan does not fully address the criteria and lacked sufficient supporting documentation. Tasks are defined and support the proposal (plan development); however, deliverables are not always clear or explicitly cited in each task. The work plan in general is missing details and referencing. More specifics in the work plan would have yielded a higher score.
- **DAC Involvement** The applicant provides full description of the DAC areas within the region, which consisted of the entire region. Historical information and future collaboration is discussed. DACs are notified of meetings through a local newspaper and the Borrego Water District website. The RWMG did attempt to involve local tribes in the process, but they declined to participate. The applicant is planning to have projects implemented within the DACs; however, the application did not provide enough detail about how the DACs will continue to be involved in the process in the future.
- **Schedule** Schedule is consistent with work plan and budget, but does not reflect a reasonable time line. For instance, the final plan is scheduled to be prepared by the end of June 2011; however, the technical analysis is not scheduled to be complete until October 2011. In addition, several tasks scheduled to be performed simultaneously are scheduled to be completed by June 2011, coinciding with the completion date of the final Plan. While this may be possible, it doesn't provide adequate time for stakeholder comments and integration of any changes into the final plan.
- **Budget** The budget is presented as a summary of the overall project. Detailed information is provided with each project task. Labor rates and hours associated with specific task are provided. Summary of budget shows proposed funding match and requested grant fund by percentage. Budget items correspond to tasks in the work plan and correlate directly with items in the schedule. Overall budget for project seems reasonable for the quantity of work proposed.
- **Program Preference** The proposal demonstrates a high degree of certainty that three program preferences will be implemented through the plan. Those program preferences are: include regional projects or programs, address critical water supply or water quality needs of DACs, and effectively integrate water management with land use planning.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable